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## Kind Announces \$62,058 Federal Grant for Viroqua Fire Department

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) announced the award of \$62,058 to the Viroqua Fire Department from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The funding provided under this grant will be used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, expand firefighter health and safety programs, purchase new firefighting apparatus and invest in crucial EMS programs.

“The men and women of our fire departments confront new and changing life safety challenges every day,” said Congressman Kind. “I am pleased this grant will help provide the Viroqua Fire Department with some of the latest tools and information needed to allow them to do their jobs safely and more efficiently.”

The DHS grants, authorized by Congress, will reach rural, urban, and suburban fire departments nationwide. The grant applications are processed by the U.S. Fire Administration, and reviewed by representatives from seven fire service organizations. In each case, the federal grants will be supplemented by local funds.

Around 20,000 fire departments – volunteer and career – applied for grants this year, submitting requests totaling almost \$2.5 billion. Departments across the nation received about \$750 million to support fire protection, Emergency Medical Service delivery, vehicle purchase, and prevention programs in 2004.